



## Cambridge Associate

### **From Nathan Villars, Chairman of the ACSNZ and Principal of ACG Sunderland**

Welcome to the relaunched ACSNZ Newsletter. Now we are halfway through Term 1, our students are fully engaged with their learning in our 45 Cambridge Centres from Kerikeri to Southland. Student numbers at all our Centres continue to rise as families look for alternatives to the NZ national curriculum and NCEA assessment system. Some are offering an internal alternative to NCEA Level 1 but I would like to remind schools that IGCSE has always been a robust option which prepares students for AS and A2 study.

The November 2023 exam series went smoothly, but unfortunately there were some malpractice issues which impacted some schools and have yet to be resolved. It is timely to remind all Centres to revise their invigilation and exam paper handling processes to avoid these sorts of issues going forward.

The ACSNZ employs an Executive Manager, Angela Cook, who is available to support all Members of the ACSNZ. Angela is also the main contact for Associate Centres who need support at any time, as well as responsible for the ACSNZ Charitable Trust status, managing the financial status of the ACSNZ, co-ordinating the Academic Committee and subject network groups, and organizing and running our annual revision class programme in the September/October holidays. Please do not hesitate to contact either Angela or myself at any time if we can assist in any way. I wish you all the best for 2024.

### From the Executive Manager of ACSNZ, Angela Cook

I am delighted to be re-launching a regular ACSNZ Newsletter on a quarterly basis. We intend this Newsletter to be a forum for any relevant news to schools, teachers, students and anyone interested in the activities of our Cambridge schools in New Zealand.

I would welcome contributions to the Newsletter from interested parties. If you have anything to contribute that you think may be of interest, please email me on [admin@acsnz.org.nz](mailto:admin@acsnz.org.nz)

### ACSNZ Board Members

Nathan Villars - ACG Sunderland (Chair)  
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The Board meets once a term and the ACSNZ AGM for 2024 will be held on Monday 25 November 2024 at Auckland Grammar School.

All Board members will be up for re-election this year.

## Important Dates

- 17 April—late entries and exemptions deadline for June 2024
- 30 April—forecast grade deadline for June 2024
- 10 May— estimated entries deadline for Nov 2024
- 1 July—modified papers deadline for Nov 2024
- 21 July—access arrangements deadline for Nov 24
- 16 August—entries deadline for November 2024
- 21 September—late entry deadline for November 2024

## From Chris Wiggin, Chairman of the Academic Committee, Deputy Principal of Pinehurst College

The ACSNZ Academic Committee is made up of a group of senior staff from a range of different schools from around New Zealand. The current Members are myself as Chairman, Michael Mullin from St Peter's College, Geoff Smith from King's College, Charlton Thompson from Hamilton Boys' High School, Fiona Boorer from Huanui College, John Etty from Auckland Grammar, Ed Coup from ACG Parnell College and Jules Robson from ACG Sunderland.

The Academic Committee works at the direction of the ACSNZ Board and focuses on curriculum concerns, examination timetables, liaison with universities, the Cambridge/ACSNZ Conference and perhaps most importantly the co-ordination of the Cambridge subject network groups. These groups are to support teaching staff in all ACSNZ schools in New Zealand. Each group has a leader who co-ordinates the group's activities and meetings, which could include reviews of examination papers, resource sharing and support of teachers new to Cambridge. We encourage all Cambridge teachers to be involved in their subject group in order to maximise the spread of ideas, experience and resources to all members of the group.

The Cambridge co-ordinator in every ACSNZ school is advised of upcoming subject network group meetings to share with relevant teachers. If there are subjects not currently with a subject network group, we will endeavour to support and establish a new group.

Please get in touch with me on any matters relating to curriculum, examinations, universities, and subject network groups. I can be contacted on [chris.wiggin@pinehurst.school.nz](mailto:chris.wiggin@pinehurst.school.nz)

## Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards 2023



The Cambridge outstanding Learner Awards for 2023 were presented to winners at Auckland Grammar School on Thursday 15 February 2024. There were a total of 136 awards made up of 48 High Achievement, 51 Top in New Zealand, 33 Top in the World and 4 Best Across IG, AS and A2 which was an increase of 10 awards on 2022. The top student for 2023 was

Jessica Liu from ACG Sunderland

(pictured with Nathan Villars, Principal of ACG Sunderland).

Jessica also receives the ACSNZ John Morris scholarship of \$10,000 for her efforts which we hope will be a useful contribution towards her tertiary study.

Congratulations to all winners for their fantastic efforts and we wish them all the best for the future.